

tions of Uranus, will be looked for with much interest. This field of research, though entered with such splendid genius by Leverrier and Adams, it would seem is by no means exhausted.

Yours, truly,  
SEARS C. WALKER.

To ROBERT M. PATTERSON, M.D.

Vice-President American Philosophical Society.

Dr. Boyè reported verbally, in behalf of himself and Mr. Eckfeldt, to whom had been referred the "*Fixed Mercury*," forwarded by Mr. Sartori, of Leghorn, that upon examination the first specimen proved to be an amalgam of tin and mercury; the second, pure tin; and the third an arseniuret of copper: neither of the latter contained mercury.

The project for the amendment of the Laws, postponed at the last meeting, was called up, and the amendment, as proposed by the Committee, adopted, as follows:—

*Chap. I. Sect. 2, shall be amended to read as follows:—*

"It shall be the duty of the Officers and Council to nominate to the Society, from time to time, such persons as they shall judge worthy of becoming members therein: and any member of the Society may at any meeting nominate, in writing, a candidate for membership; and the nomination so made may, in like manner, be seconded by another member."

Dr. Elwyn presented Vol. IV. No. 36, of the Proceedings of the Society.

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*Stated Meeting, May 21.*

Present, nineteen members.

Dr. CHAPMAN, President, in the Chair.

Letters were received and read:—

From the Literary and Philosophical Society of Manchester, dated Manchester, 9th February, 1847, announcing a donation to the Library of this Society: and,—

From the Proprietors of the Bowditch Library, dated Boston, 1st May, 1847, acknowledging the receipt of Vol. IX. Part 3, of the Transactions of this Society.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

- Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society of London. Vol. VII. February 12, 1847. No. 12. 8vo.—*From the Society.*
- Memoirs of the Literary and Philosophical Society of Manchester. Second Series. Vol. VII. Part II. London, 1846. 8vo.—*From the Society.*
- The Annals and Magazine of Natural History, including Zoology, Botany, and Geology. Vol. XIX. No. 126. April, 1847. 8vo. *From Sir Wm. Jardine, Bart.*
- Topographische Sehets van een gedeelte van Sumatra, door Dr. P. W. Korthals, ridder van de Orde van den Nederl. Leeuw, geweest Lid der Nat. Commissie in Nederlandsch Oost-Indie, &c. Leyden, 1847. 8vo.—*From the Author.*
- Catalogue de Livres Français, Grecs, Latins, Anglais, Espagnols, Orientaux, etc. etc. Premier Supplément. Paris, 1847. 8vo. *From Hector Bossange.*
- Reports of the Pennsylvania Hospital for the Insane. By Thomas S. Kirkbride, M.D., Physician to the Institution. Philadelphia, 1846. 8vo.—*From the Author.*
- Hybridity in Animals and Plants, considered in reference to the Question of the Unity of the Human Species. By Samuel George Morton, M.D. New Haven, 1847. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY BY PURCHASE.

- The Edinburgh New Philosophical Journal. Conducted by Professor Jameson. January to April, 1847. No. 84. 8vo.
- The London, Edinburgh, and Dublin Philosophical Magazine, and Journal of Science. Third Series. Vol. XXX. No. 201. April, 1847. 8vo.
- Astronomische Nachrichten. Nos. 590, 591, 592. Altona, March 4th to the 20th. 4to.

Prof. Frazer presented Vol. IV. No. 37, of the Proceedings of the Society.